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Mr. Greg Thibodeaux  
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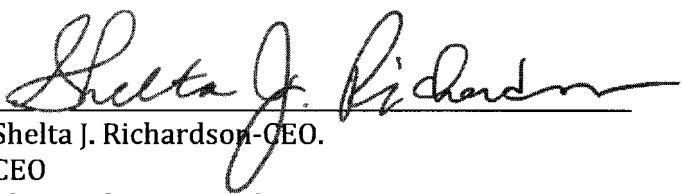
Dear Mr. Thibodeaux:

The purpose of this letter is to request a formal opinion from the advisory panel. I serve as the CEO for The Academy of Early Learning, a licensed child care center in the state of Louisiana AND as a Board member for the St. Tammany Parish School Board. As the CEO, I applied for a community grant that is funded by the Louisiana Department of Education that is channeled through the local school boards. The Academy of Early Learning is an official candidate of this grant. Can I, as a Board member accept this grant if St. Tammany Parish School Board is writing the check?

For your reference: The community grant was funded by the state to help keep child care centers open and operating during COVID-19. These grant dollars were specifically allocated for teacher training.

While I know I have missed the deadline to make the agenda for the December Board meeting, I am respectfully requesting that my request be expedited.

Sincerely,



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